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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: SUNDAY NEWS PAPER SUMMARY

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WASHINGTON STAR

HENRY BRADSHER SAYS PRESIDENT THIEU REPORTEDLY RESIGNED HIMSELF TO ACCEPTING THE CEASE FIRE TERMS WORKED OUT BY HANOI AND WASHINGTON WITH HOPES OF CONTINUING MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID FROM THE UNITED STATES. ACCORDING TO BRADSHER THE UNITED STATES HOPES THIEU WILL SIGN THE AGREEMENT AND BE FULLY BOUND BY THE TERMS. HANOI IS PRESUMED TO BE PUSHING THE U.S. AT THE PARIS TALKS TO GET THIEU'S LEGAL COMMITMENT TO ANY AGREEMENT. ALSO, A NEW FORM OF PRESSURE ON THIEU WAS THAT CANADA AND INDONESIA HAVE TOLD SOUTH VIETNAM THEY WILL NOT JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION TO SUPERVISE A CEASE FIRE UNLESS SAIGON SIGNS. THIEU, ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL SOURCES, WILL NOW SEEK TO EXTEND HIS EMERGENCY POWERS TO RULE BY DECREE IN MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND WILL SHAKE UP HIS CABINET.

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THE SOVIET-NORTH VIETNAMESE AID PACT IS FEATURED ON THE FRONT PAGE. ON PAGE 5, FLORA LEWIS IN COVERING THE PARIS TALKS, NOTES THE "SHARP STATEMENT" BY MRS. BINH. IN AN INTERVIEW IN AGENCE-PRESSE MRS. BINH SAID THAT "THE US WANTS TO REOPEN THE QUESTIONS OF PRINCIPLE, SUCH AS WITHDRAWAL OF NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS, RESTORATION OF THE DMZ, AND THE FORMULA FOR A THREE-COMPONENT NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CONCORD." IT IS NOTED THAT HER STATEMENT WENT A GOOD DEAL FURTHER THAN THE COMMUNIST SIDE HAS BEEN WILLING TO GO BEFORE THE ADMITTING THE PRESENCE OF NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS IN THE SOUTH. SHE SAID THAT WHILE REUNIFICATION WAS NOT AN "IMMEDIATE QUESTION," THERE WOULD BE FREE MOVEMENT BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM AND SOLDIERS OF NORTH ORIGIN WHO WERE DEMOBILIZED IN THE SOUTH COULD RETURN HOME.

BOTH WHITE HOUSE AND STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID THAT NO DATE HAD YET BEEN SET FOR THE VISIT OF BREZHNEV. THEY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE HAD BEEN CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION THAT HE MIGHT COME NEXT SPRING, IN RETURN FOR THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT LAST MAY. BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO DISCUSSION WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS ON THE TIMING OF THE TRIP.

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